

Bryant's tribute:

**Bryant Rooney is double-majoring in Creative Writing and English. He will graduate Cum Laude with a 3.72 GPA. From my first class with Bryant in fall, 2021, I knew he knew he was facing some course challenges. My experience teaching alerts me to pay attention to both verbal and nonverbal communication during a 200-minute class. Bryant walked into the room weekly with both feet on the ground. Initially quiet, he quickly risked asking questions, wrote himself notes, engaged thoughtfully in class discussions, participated in various creative writing events, listened with an open ear, and always turned assignments in on time. In November of 2021, Bryant wrote me an email stating, "I came to Metro state because I believed that it would fuel my love of writing and this class felt like a positive catalyst for that step forward. I am proud to say my first creative writing publication, "The Giant of Split Rock," was written in my first class while at Metro."**

**Bryant's very successfully completed other courses in the creative writing major with me since 2021. This semester he is co-managing editor of *Haute Dish*, Metro State's Arts and Literary Journal. The tasks and commitment with taking on a leadership role of this magnitude requires someone who excels in several subsets of academic excellence, such as time management, a strength imperative for students who wear many hats, such as Bryant Rooney.**

**Hats off to Bryant.**